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Title of Hearing: Hearing on Certain Expiring Tax Provisions

I respectfully urge Congress to extend the wind energy production tax credit (PTC) as quickly as possible.

As has been mentioned time and again in press stories, the uncertainty in the availability of funds has a chilling effect on investment. We need to put our money where our mouth is with respect to getting onto a secure energy economy. Fossil fuels aren't the future. Alternate energy sources are, and WIND is a leading technology in energy alternatives.

I urge the committee to take up an extension of the wind energy production tax credit immediately.

Thank you, Baird Swanson Taxpayer and voter